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INTERNET / NET NEUTRALITY

Lindsay Chestnut of Baltimore protests the move to end net neutrality outside the Federal Communications Commission in Washington on Thursday. Despite protests, the FCC later voted to end full governance of the internet. [CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Relinquishing the reins

FCC gives service providers ability to change the game

By Barbara Ortutay and Tali Arbel
The Associated Press

The Federal Communications Commission repealed the Obama-era "net neutrality" rules Thursday, giving internet service providers like Verizon, Comcast and AT&T a free hand to slow or block websites and apps as they see fit or charge more for faster speeds.

In a straight party-line vote of 3-2, the Republican-controlled FCC junked the longtime principle that said all web traffic must be treated equally. The move represents a radical departure from more than a decade of federal oversight.

The big telecommunications companies had lobbied hard to overturn the rules, contending they discourage investment in broadband networks.

"What is the FCC doing today?" asked FCC chairman

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GENEROSITY & CARING

Officer leads effort to brighten kids' holiday

By Kimball Perry
The Columbus Dispatch

As a Columbus police detective investigating allegations of child abuse, Mike Fleming sees heartache often.

It was especially difficult last December, though, when Fleming saw cases in which those children didn't experience the season's greetings or holiday joy.

Fleming grew up in a family that wasn't well-off and has experienced the gnawing, empty feeling of a Christmas bereft of presents.

"Some of these houses I come into, these kids don't have a chance to have Christmas," Fleming, 51, said.

Last year, while investigating a particularly difficult case, Fleming learned of

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COLUMBUS VIOLENCE

A vigil — and 3 more killings

By Marc Kovac
The Columbus Dispatch

About 20 people stood at the mint-green house on East Barthman Avenue on Wednesday night, holding a candlelight vigil for a man killed earlier in the week.

Then gunshots shattered the calm.

The first shot rang out about 9 p.m. and sounded distant, sort of like a firecracker. The next was obviously a gunshot. One witness said she was hit in

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ELECTIONS

$118M sought for new voting machines

By Jim Siegel
The Columbus Dispatch

Secretary of State Jon Husted has asked Gov. John Kasich and legislative leaders to provide $118 million in the upcoming capital budget to replace aging voting equipment in time for the 2020 election.

"Given the state law requirements for voting systems in Ohio, I believe

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